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In re Application of

James M. Gust et al.

Serial No.: 09/859,718

Filed: May 17, 2001

Title: ELECTRICAL TUBING ASSEMBLY
WITH HERMETICALLY SEALED ENDS

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) Group: 2831
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) Examiner: D. Patel
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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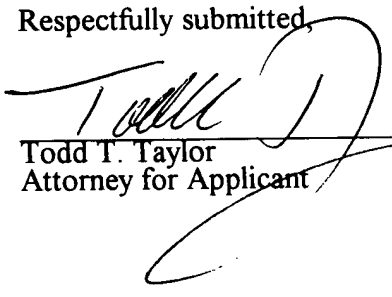
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	20	0	x \$ 9 x \$ 18	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	0	x \$ 42 x \$ 84	0.00
FEE FOR MULTIPLE CLAIMS \$130/\$260						
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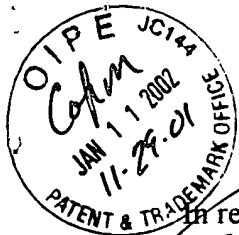
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RESPONSE

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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 19, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending and rejected in this application.

The Applicants having referenced a prior application, in the present application and having identified that the present application is a continuation-in-part of the prior application, do request formal acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Responsive to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, wherein the Examiner has indicated that a plurality of annular projections, as recited in claims 6 and 12, are not shown on the drawings, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's objection and draw the Examiner's attention to both page 6, line 17 of the disclosure and Fig 4. The disclosure, at the aforementioned location, describes annular projections 42 as a part of plug 18 which is also referred to as an electrical component. Fig. 4 illustrates plug 18 as having three annular projections 42. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the drawings are in allowable form.